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Dear Vince,

Regretfully I will be missing another MODIS team meeting this year due to our MOBY mooring deployment operations in Hawaii. However, Chuck McClain has agreed to represent me at the meeting. He has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of our operations and their relationship to SeaWiFS.

The impending SeaWiFS launch and deployment and maintenance of the marine optical buoy site systems and initialization cruises are providing a rigorous schedule for this team as you can see in the enclosed schedule. I feel that we have made significant progress in the last eight months in rebuilding our at-sea experimental infrastructure. I believe that within the next year the MODIS Marine Optical Characterization Experiment (MOCE) team will have unrivaled experimental capability in the field of bio-optics. We have achieved our present status through major personal efforts and dedication of most of the team members.

NOAA/NESDIS upper management has provided additional funding and loans to cover deficiencies and discontinuities in the timing of funding from NASA. This critical support has allowed the team to function without any disruption or loss of momentum. However, I am now faced with a change in the guard at NESDIS and during the ensuing hiatus the short-term outlook does not seem encouraging for continuing the liberal loan policy that I have enjoyed in the past. Given my understanding of my FY 94 budget line and the accelerated experimental efforts associated with SeaWiFS (which are supported by MODIS), I honestly cannot see how this plan can be implemented if we incur further cuts.

Sincerely,

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MODIS Team Member

Enclosure

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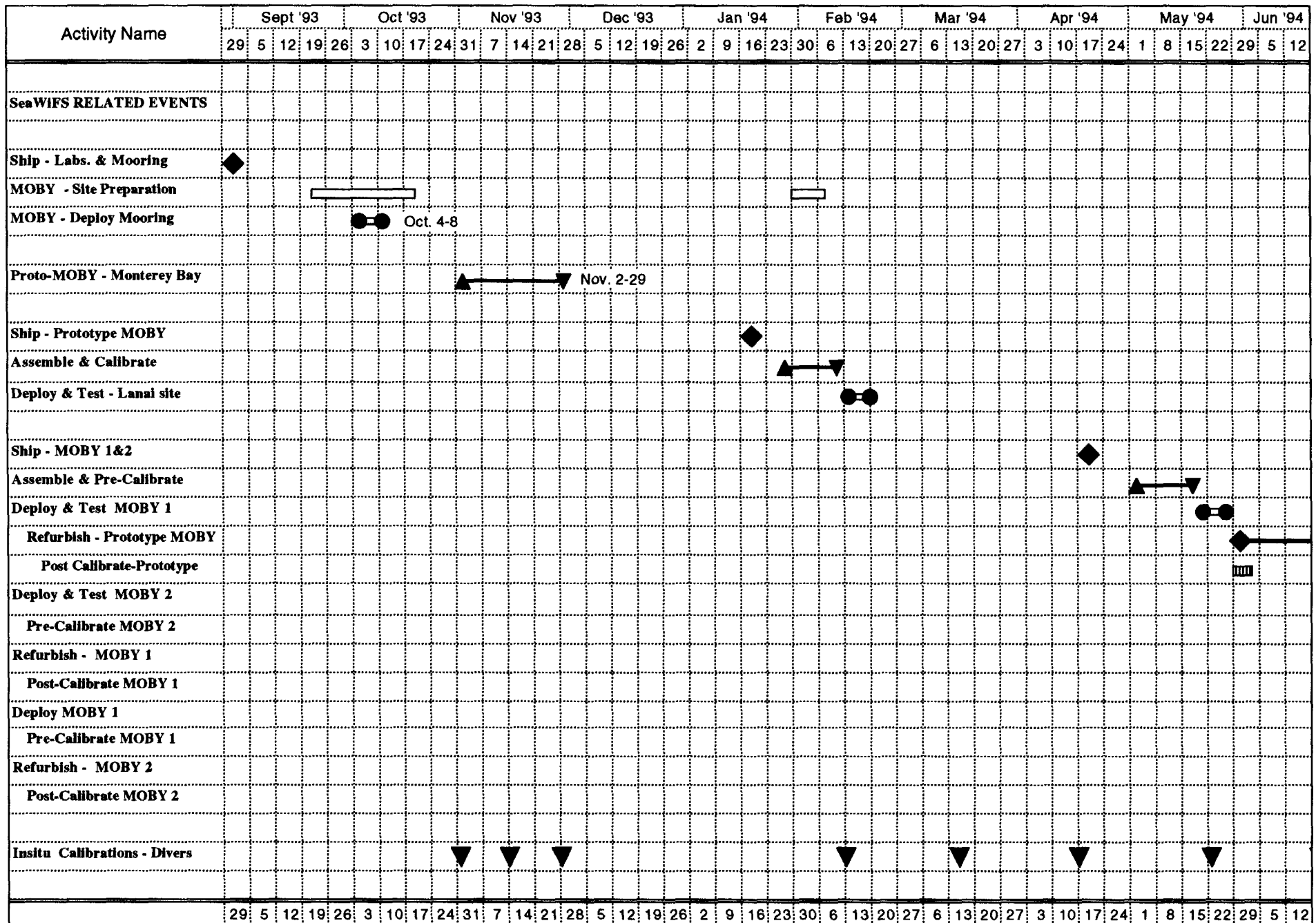
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MOBY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE 93-94

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